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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, JA  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REDUCTIONS IN NUMBER OF FLIGHTS  
THROUGH NARITA.

REF: TOKYO 15495

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. SUMMARY: FUEL SHORTAGES AT NARITA (REFTEL) WILL  
NECESSITATE ELIMINATING TECHNICAL STOPS, CHARTERS, AND  
EXTRA FLIGHTS TO AND FROM NARITA. TIA AND FLYING TIGERS  
TO BE AFFECTED AS WELL AS 9 OTHER CARRIERS. TECHNICAL  
STOPS WILL BE ELIMINATED EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, CHARTERS  
AND OTHERS AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER. USE OF AIRPORTS OTHER  
THAN NARITA IS DOUBTFUL, BUT JCAB TOKYO HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL PERMIT ADDITIONAL  
FLIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

2. FUMIHISA KATO, AIR TALKS NEGOTIATOR, JCAB, TOLD  
EMBOFF THAT THE FUEL CRISIS (REFTEL) AT NARITA,  
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EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME, HAD NOW ARRIVED BECAUSE OF THE  
RESUMPTION OF NORTHWEST SERVICE AND WILL FORCE CAN-  
CELLATION OF ALL TECHNICAL STOPS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1  
AND ALL CHARTERS AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER. HE SAID  
PROJECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE FOR AVERAGE DAILY USAGE  
TO EXCEED SUPPLIES BY 700 KILOLITERS PER DAY. SOME  
RELIEF CAN BE HAD BY RUNNING FUEL TRAINS ON SUNDAYS,

WHICH WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, BUT FINAL ANALYSIS LEAVES AUTHORITIES NO CHOICE EXCEPT TO CUT BACK ON SOME FLIGHTS. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MINIMIZE CUTBACKS, KATO NOTED, BUT TECHNICAL STOPS FOR FUEL WILL DEFINITELY BE ELIMINATED BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1; AND MOST, IF NOT ALL, NON-SCHEDULED, EXTRA, AND SPECIAL FLIGHTS WILL BE CUT BEGINNING IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

3. KATO INDICATED THAT TIA HAD ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THEIR REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER TECHNICAL STOPS WILL BE DENIED. FLYING TIGER (FTL) HAS ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT THEIR THURSDAY AND SATURDAY FT 9074 TECHNICAL LANDINGS MUST BE CUT. AN EXTRA FTL FLIGHT ON SEPT. 3, A CHARTER ON SEPTEMBER 22, AND TWO PAN AM CHARTERS MAY ALSO BE CANCELLED. A DECISION ON THESE WILL BE MADE THIS WEEK.

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4. OTHER NON-SCHEDULED SLOTS REQUESTED FOR SEPTEMBER WHICH WILL BE CANCELLED, ESPECIALLY IF THEY FALL AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER ARE; AIR MANILA, 27 SLOTS; STERLING PHILIPPINES, 18; KOREAN AIR, 14; CHINA AIRLINES, 22; JAPAN ASIA AIRLINES, 27; JAL, 151; ANA, 47; SAS, 4; AND SPANISH CHARTER AIRLINES, 8.

5. KATO ALSO SAID THAT IF FUEL CONSUMPTION CONTINUED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CLIMB IN OCTOBER, JAL MAY BE ASKED TO DECREASE SOME SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. IF THAT DOES NOT HELP, IN NOVEMBER THE JCAB MAY SEEK ADJUSTMENTS BY FOREIGN SCHEDULED CARRIERS.

6. EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TECHNICAL STOPS AT AIRPORTS OTHER THAN NARITA. KATO SAID THAT BECAUSE OF LOCAL NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMS AROUND EACH AIRPORT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SECURE PERMISSION FROM THOSE AIRPORTS FOR ADDED TECHNICAL STOPS. WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE USE OF CHITOSE, KATO SAID THAT "JCAB TOKYO HAS NO OBJECTION IF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND JSDF DO NOT OBJECT." RELIEF OF THE FUEL SHORTAGE REQUIRES CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PIPELINE.

7. JCAB, LOCAL, AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES SIGNED AN AGREEMENT AUGUST 25 TO PERMIT A PIPELINE TO BE INSTALLED TO TRANSPORT FUEL FROM THE PORT OF CHIBA TO NARITA. HOWEVER, IT WILL TAKE TWO TO THREE YEARS TO BUILD AFTER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ARE SIGNED.

8. COMMENT; WITHOUT JAPAN AS A TECHNICAL STOP, U.S.

CARRIERS WILL LOSE 10,000 TO 20,000 LBS. OF CARGO LOAD  
TOMAKE WAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL FUEL THEY WILL BE  
REQUIRED TO CARRY TO OVERFLY JAPAN. FOR AN AIRLINE

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SUCH AS TIA WHICH NEEDS TECHNICAL STOPS FREQUENTLY, THE  
LOSSES WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE READJUSTMENTS IN SCHEDULING.  
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